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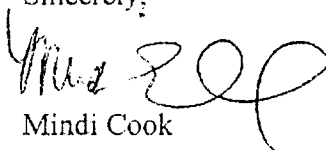
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I was truly glad to learn that the court was conducting a comment period during which I might write to express my views regarding the lawsuit currently being waged against Microsoft.

I have been opposed to this lawsuit for quite some time for many reasons, including its high cost to American taxpayers, its apparent negative effect on the technological industry and general economy, and its attempts to over-monitor the business activities of an American company. If I could see that Microsoft was, in any way, threatening our free marketplace and driving up consumer costs, I might feel differently about the matter. But I see no indication that Microsoft has hurt the tech industry in any way. It makes me wonder who and what is really driving the campaign against Microsoft and I resent having to pay for a lawsuit that most likely serves the interests of Microsoft's competitors—not the American public.

We, the American people, need to have the court decide this matter in a manner that truly serves *our* needs—not the needs of a big business. In light of that fact, I ask the court to please accept the settlement proposed by President Bush's team and end this lawsuit as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Mindi Cook